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SUBJECT: PROPOSED FIVE-YEAR RECIPROCITY ON E1-E2 TREATY  
TRADER/INVESTOR VISAS

REF: BARON-LAWLESS FAX (11/02/04)

1. Post has reviewed the diplomatic note from the Jordanian embassy in Washington, DC, (REF) which requests that, under the relevant article in the bilateral Free Trade Agreement, the USG and GOJ jointly examine the possibility of issuing E1/E2 visas based on a five year visa issuance. Post recommends responding favorably to this overture.

2. Currently, Americans applying for an investor visa in Jordan first receive a three-month, single-entry visa, which they can adjust to permanent residency status after arriving in country. However, we understand that while the permanent residency status allows for unrestricted travel in and out of the country, the maximum period is now one year, renewable each year. We have received conflicting reports about the possibility of this one-year period being extended to five years. If Department is inclined to respond favorably to the subject Jordanian request, it may be useful first to inquire if the appropriate inter-agency consultations have taken place in Jordan, including with the relevant public security agencies, which Post stands ready to do if so instructed.

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